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TAGS: SHUM, NU

SUBJECT: IAHRC VISIT TO NICARAGUA

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PRESIDENT SOMOZA TO INVITE THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION NOW FOR AN EARLY VISIT TO NICARAGUA
AND TO MAKE PUBLIC THIS INFORMATION.

2. YOU SHOULD REMIND PRESIDENT SOMOZA THAT HE AND HIS
FOREIGN MINISTER HAVE PUBLICLY STATED THEIR WILLINGNESS
TO INVITE THE IAHRC. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS SHOULD BE
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NICARAGUA TO MOUNT.

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IMPROVED RECORD IN THE OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONALLY
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